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INTEREST

LONDON FOR AMB/EX, SOFIA FOR AMBASSADOR

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1. HENRY TREWHITT OF BALTIMORE SUN REPORTED THAT "WITH
STUDIED CALM, ADMINISTRATION TURNED OTHER CHEEK YESTERDAY
TO SOVIET CRITICISM AND PROPOSED THAT SUPERPOWERS FOCUS ON
'CONCRETE ACTIONS' TO REDUCE TENSION." TREWHITT SAID
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HODDING CARTER'S STATEMENT "CLEARLY
WAS INTENDED AS MILD RESPONSE" TO PRAVDA ARTICLE, WHICH
ACCUSED ADMINISTRATION OF DELIBERATELY INFLAMMING SOVIET-

AMERICAN RELATIONS. CARTER SAID "MOST CONSTRUCTIVE COURSE FOR BOTH COUNTRIES WOULD BE TO CONCENTRATE ON CONCRETE ACTIONS WE BOTH CAN TAKE TO REDUCE TENSIONS AND TO REACH AGREEMENT ON CRITICAL ISSUES NOW UNDER NEGOTIATION." DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SPECIFICALLY CITED NEGOTIATIONS TO PRODUCE SALT TREATY, TO END NUCLEAR TESTING AND TO REDUCE OPPOSING FORCES IN EUROPE. PROGRESS IN ANY OF THESE, CARTER SAID, "WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY CONTRIBUTE TO PROSPECTS FOR LONG-TERM STABLE RELATIONS." SUN CORRESPONDENT SAID CONGRESSIONAL PARTICIPANTS IN THIS WEEK'S WHITE HOUSE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER REPORTED PRESIDENT EXPECTS

NEW SALT AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED BY END OF THIS YEAR. OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, BELIEVE OUTSTANDING ISSUES CAN BE RESOLVED EARLIER. "MR. VANCE HAS PLEDGED THAT TREATY WILL BE SIGNED WHEN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON REACH AGREEMENT, WITHOUT POLITICAL REGARD FOR TIMING OF ITS SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS. BUT FEW ANALYSTS EXPECT IT TO BE DEBATED BY SENATE UNTIL NEXT YEAR, EVEN IF IT IS SIGNED EARLIER."

2. GEORGE WILSON OF WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT TOMAHAWK CRUISE MISSILE WAS "LETTER PERFECT" IN TEST STIMULATING SOVIET DEFENSE. THE CRUISE MISSILE WAS TESTED FOR FIRST TIME IN PUBLIC YESTERDAY AT WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE IN NEW MEXICO. DEFENSE SECRETARY HAROLD BROWN UNCLASSIFIED

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SAID "I THINK THAT SOVIET UNION IS MORE AWARE OF WHAT OUR CAPABILITIES ARE THAN AMERICAN PUBLIC." ASKED WHY HERETOFORE SECRET TESTS WERE OPENED TO PRESS, BROWN SAID "IT IS IMPORTANT FOR AMERICAN PEOPLE TO PERCEIVE THAT U.S. IS NOT INFERIOR TO ANY COUNTRY IN MILITARY CAPABILITY. IT'S IMPORTANT TO GET THAT MESSAGE ACROSS." HE SAID YESTERDAY'S TEST FLIGHT "CONFIRMS FOR US" THAT DECISION TO DEVELOP CRUISE MISSILE RATHER THAN B-ONE WAS RIGHT ONE. HE SAID WEAPON WILL BE ABLE "TO PENETRATE ANY DEFENSE" SOVIETS WILL BE ABLE TO DEPLOY AGAINST IT IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

3. NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED THAT W. AVERILL HARRIMAN, IN "PERSONALIZED ADDRESS" TO SSOD AT U.N., APPEALED TO IMPATIENT THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN PLEDGE OF U.S. THAT IT WILL REACH AGREEMENTS WITH SOVIET UNION LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMS AND BANNING ALL NUCLEAR TESTING. "I AM CONFIDENT THAT THESE PROBLEMS WILL BE RESOLVED, BUT I AM EQUALLY CONFIDENT THAT IT DOES NO GOOD TO PRESS NEGOTIATORS WHEN THEIR GOAL IS IN SIGHT," HARRIMAN SAID. HARRIMAN WAS EMPHATIC IN DISMISSING SUGGESTIONS THAT MOSCOW CONTEMPLATED NUCLEAR ATTACK ON U.S.,

TIMES SAID. "IT IS MY VERY STRONG IMPRESSION OF
MR. BREZHNEV THAT LAST THING IN WORLD HE HAS IN MIND IS TO
START FIRST STRIKE," HARRIMAN SAID. VANCE

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